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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) launched a new scheme to provide social security to unemployed workers called Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojna last year;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the scheme;

(c) the details of the applications received from various States alongwith the amount so far released to the beneficiaries, State-wise;

(d) whether there are large number of applications pending with the State Governments for rehabilitating the labourers affected due to closure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation and utilisation of fund under the scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. Insured persons covered under the Employees` State Insurance Scheme and going out of insurable employment involuntarily on or after 1st April, 2005, on account of closure of a factory or establishment, retrenchment or permanent invalidity of not less than 50% arising out of non-employment injury, after being in an insurable employment and having contributed under the scheme for five or more years, are entitled to claim unemployment allowance upto 50% of their wages for a maximum period of 6 months during entire service. Such insured person and his family would also be entitled for medical benefit for a period of six months from the date of unemployment.

(c) to (e): The details of applications received in the Regional Offices of the ESI Corporation and amount paid are given in Annexure-`A`.